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Whereas, it is with great pride and sincere admiration that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives honor treasured residents of the Show-Me State who have experienced the joys and blessings of a prosperous marriage; and

Whereas, fifty years ago on August 17, 1957, Bernard Leo Francka took the hand of his beautiful bride, Barbara Sue Horton, as they began their commitment to a lifetime of shared love and devotion by exchanging wedding vows during a solemn ceremony officiated by the Reverend Robert Ready at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Springfield; and

Whereas, in the years since that heavenly day, Bernard and Barbara Francka have had the pleasure of watching their family grow to include their children and their spouses, Bernard Jr. and Cindy, Daniel and Denna, Raymond and Jane, and Amy and Brian; ten grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Bernard Francka is known as a dedicated family man who generously provided his loved ones with a comfortable home and secure future through his successful endeavors as a farmer; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and outstanding homemaker, Barbara Francka has further distinguished herself as a retired employee of the Bolivar R-I School District, where she worked in administration; and

Whereas, Bernard and Barbara Francka have found the road to happiness by putting all of their energy, love, and ambition into their marriage and by knowing that a successful union is built upon such strong qualities as sacrifice, dedication, and honesty; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Francka, residents of Bolivar, commemorated the glorious occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration hosted by their loved ones on August 18, 2007, at Sacred Heart Church and McKenna Church Hall:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Bernard and Barbara Francka for their tremendous success in achieving a half century of wedded bliss and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Leo Francka.

Offered by

Representative Mike Parson District No. 133

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4526, adopted August 22, 2007.